

and so we must proceed without it. In light of that, this is a good conference report, irrespective. It responds to the needs of our veterans, protects our environment and keeps the U.S. at the forefront of space exploration, addresses our Nation's critical housing needs and helps more Americans realize the dream of owning their own home. Adopting this rule will allow us to consider all of those important initiatives.

I urge a yes vote on the rule and the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 7, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 535]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Bryant	Dickey
Ackerman	Burr	Dicks
Aderholt	Burton	Dingell
Allen	Buyer	Dixon
Andrews	Callahan	Doggett
Archer	Calvert	Dooley
Army	Camp	Doolittle
Baca	Canady	Doyle
Bachus	Cannon	Dreier
Baird	Capps	Duncan
Baker	Capuano	Dunn
Baldacci	Cardin	Edwards
Baldwin	Carson	Ehlers
Ballenger	Castle	Ehrlich
Barcia	Chabot	Emerson
Barr	Chambliss	Engel
Barrett (NE)	Clayton	English
Barrett (WI)	Clement	Eshoo
Bartlett	Clyburn	Etheridge
Barton	Coble	Evans
Bass	Coburn	Everett
Becerra	Collins	Ewing
Bentsen	Combest	Farr
Bereuter	Condit	Fattah
Berkley	Conyers	Filner
Berman	Cook	Fletcher
Berry	Cooksey	Foley
Biggert	Costello	Forbes
Bilbray	Cox	Ford
Bilirakis	Coyne	Fossella
Bishop	Cramer	Fowler
Blagojevich	Crane	Frank (MA)
Bliley	Crowley	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Cubin	Frost
Blunt	Cummings	Gallegly
Boehlert	Cunningham	Ganske
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Gejdenson
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Gekas
Bonior	Davis (VA)	Gephardt
Bono	Deal	Gibbons
Borski	DeFazio	Gilchrest
Boswell	DeGette	Gillmor
Boucher	Delahunt	Gilman
Boyd	DeLauro	Gonzalez
Brady (PA)	DeLay	Goode
Brady (TX)	DeMint	Goodlatte
Brown (FL)	Deutsch	Goodling
Brown (OH)	Diaz-Balart	Gordon

Goss	Matsui	Salmon
Graham	McCarthy (MO)	Sanchez
Granger	McCarthy (NY)	Sanders
Green (TX)	McCrery	Sandlin
Green (WI)	McDermott	Sawyer
Greenwood	McGovern	Saxton
Gutierrez	McHugh	Scarborough
Gutknecht	McInnis	Schaffer
Hall (OH)	McIntyre	Schakowsky
Hall (TX)	McKeon	Scott
Hastings (FL)	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Hastings (WA)	McNulty	Serrano
Hayes	Meehan	Sessions
Hayworth	Meek (FL)	Shadegg
Hefley	Meeks (NY)	Shaw
Herger	Menendez	Sherman
Hill (IN)	Metcalf	Sherwood
Hilleary	Mica	Shimkus
Hinchee	Millender-	Shows
Hinojosa	McDonald	Shuster
Hobson	Miller, Gary	Simpson
Hoefel	Miller, George	Sisisky
Hoekstra	Minge	Skeen
Holden	Mink	Skelton
Holt	Moakley	Slaughter
Hooley	Mollohan	Smith (MI)
Horn	Moore	Smith (NJ)
Hostettler	Moran (KS)	Smith (TX)
Hoyer	Morella	Smith (WA)
Hunter	Murtha	Snyder
Hutchinson	Myrick	Souder
Hyde	Nadler	Spence
Inslee	Napolitano	Spratt
Isakson	Neal	Stark
Istook	Nethercutt	Stearns
Jackson (IL)	Ney	Stenholm
Jackson-Lee	Northup	Strickland
(TX)	Norwood	Stump
Jefferson	Oberstar	Stupak
Jenkins	Obey	Sununu
John	Olver	Sweeney
Johnson (CT)	Ortiz	Tanner
Johnson, E. B.	Ose	Tauscher
Johnson, Sam	Owens	Tauzin
Jones (NC)	Packard	Taylor (MS)
Kanjorski	Pallone	Taylor (NC)
Kaptur	Pascrell	Terry
Kasich	Pastor	Thomas
Kelly	Paul	Thompson (CA)
Kennedy	Payne	Thornberry
Kildee	Pease	Thune
Kilpatrick	Peterson (MN)	Thurman
Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Tiahrt
King (NY)	Petri	Tierney
Kingston	Phelps	Toomey
Klecza	Pickering	Towns
Klink	Pickett	Trafigant
Knollenberg	Pitts	Udall (CO)
Kolbe	Pombo	Udall (NM)
Kucinich	Pomeroy	Upton
Kuykendall	Porter	Velazquez
LaFalce	Portman	Visclosky
LaHood	Price (NC)	Vitter
Lampson	Pryce (OH)	Walden
Lantos	Quinn	Walsh
Largent	Radanovich	Wamp
Larson	Rahall	Waters
LaTourette	Ramstad	Watkins
Leach	Rangel	Watt (NC)
Lee	Regula	Watts (OK)
Levin	Reyes	Waxman
Lewis (GA)	Reynolds	Weiner
Lewis (KY)	Riley	Weldon (FL)
Linder	Rivers	Weldon (PA)
LoBiondo	Rogan	Weller
Lofgren	Rogers	Wexler
Lowey	Rohrabacher	Weygand
Lucas (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Whitfield
Lucas (OK)	Rothman	Wicker
Luther	Roukema	Wilson
Maloney (CT)	Roybal-Allard	Wolf
Maloney (NY)	Royce	Woolsey
Manzullo	Rush	Wu
Markey	Ryan (WI)	Wynn
Martinez	Ryun (KS)	Young (AK)
Mascara	Sabo	Young (FL)

NAYS—7

NOT VOTING—25

Danner	Latham	Tancredo
Hill (MT)	Nussle	
Hulshof	Roemer	
Campbell	Houghton	McIntosh
Chenoweth-Hage	Jones (OH)	Miller (FL)
Clay	Lazio	Moran (VA)
Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)	Oxley
Hansen	Lipinski	Pelosi
Hilliard	McCollum	Rodriguez

Sanford	Talent	Wise
Shays	Thompson (MS)	
Stabenow	Turner	

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So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1300

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4635, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4635, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the rule just adopted, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4635) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 638, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of October 18, 2000, at page H10083.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOLLOHAN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH).

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to bring before the full House of Representatives the conference report on H.R. 4635, making fiscal year 2001 appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies. So that we can move as quickly as possible, I will keep my comments brief.

This conference report was developed after difficult and somewhat prolonged discussions with our counterparts in the Senate as well as representatives of the administration.

While there are some parts of this bill that I frankly would like to have done differently, it is in the aggregate, a very good bipartisan bill that will serve the American people well.